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FROM COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BEXP, BR
SUBJ: CUSTOMS PROBLEM INVOLVING BRAZILIAN TRADE CENTER IN
LOS ANGELES

REF: BRASILIA 6218

1. EMBASSY COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR CALLED RUBEM AMARAL OF FONMIN JULY 26 TO SAY THAT BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE FROM WASHINGTON HE THOUGHT HE COULD ASSURE AMARAL THAT THERE WAS NO VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY ON THE PART OF THE USG IN THE CASE OF THE PROBLEM EXPERIENCED BY THE BRAZILIAN TRADE CENTER IN LOS ANGELES. HE SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE CAUSE OF THE PROBLEM WAS THE FAILURE OF THE BRAZILIAN TRADE CENTER TO OBTAIN PRIOR USDOC APPROVAL AS REQUIRED BY THE US TRADE FAIR ACT OF 1959. HE NOTED THAT THIS PROCEDURE IS BASICALLY THE SAME AS THE PROCEDURE WHICH THE GOB REQUIRES THE US TRADE CENTER IN SAO PAULO TO FOLLOW.

2. AMARAL OBJECTED THAT THE MAY 11 NOTE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON SEEMED TO RULE OUT
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ANY DUTY-FREE IMPORTS OF GOODS FOR EXHIBIT AT BRAZILIAN TRADE CENTERS IN THE US. THE COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN THE DEPARTMENT'S NOTE, BUT THAT, ACCORDING TO AMARAL'S REPORT, IT APPARENTLY FAILED TO MENTION THE TRADE FAIR ACT OF 1959, WHICH WAS THE LEGISLATION APPLICABLE IN THIS CASE. HE SAID THE EMBASSY WAS SEEKING FURTHER CLARIFICATION FROM WASHINGTON, BUT REITERATED THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THERE WAS NO FAILURE OF

THE USG TO RESPECT THE PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY. AMARAL SAID HE WAS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THIS, BUT THAT HE HOPED THE GOB WOULD GET BACK THE IMPORT DUTIES PAID IN LOS ANGELES.

3. THE COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR REMINDED AMARAL THAT THE US TRADE CENTER IN SAO PAULO URGENTLY NEEDED THE DECLARATORY ACT PROVIDING BONDED WAREHOUSE FACILITIES IN ORDER THAT SHIPMENT FROM THE US OF THE PRODUCTS TO BE EXHIBITED AT THE SEPTEMBER 12 SHOW COULD BEGIN. AMARAL REPLIED THAT THE DRAFT DECLARATORY ACT WAS ON HIS DESK AT THAT MOMENT AND THAT HE WOULD REVIEW IT AS SOON AS HE HAD A CHANCE.

4. THE DEPARTMENT IS URGED TO (A) CONFIRM THAT THE FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR THE TRADE FAIR ACT OF 1959 ARE AVAILABLE TO THE BRAZILIAN TRADE CENTER IN LOS ANGELES, (B) CONFIRM THAT THE PROBLEM EXPERIENCED BY THAT CENTER WAS DUE TO BRAZILIAN FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN THAT ACT, AND (C) ENDEAVOR TO FIND A WAY TO REFUND THE IMPORT DUTIES PAID ON THE BRAZILIAN GOODS EXHIBITED AT LOS ANGELES (EXCEPT THOSE SOLD FOR CONSUMPTION IN THE US).

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